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The Role of Interagency Committees in Statistical Policy Coordination

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Introduction

Interagency committees are an important mechanism through which the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards (OFSPS) achieves the necessary Federal agency involvement, participation, and review in the planning and coordination of Federal statistical programs and policies. These interagency committees provide a forum for the exchange of, and feedback on, technical and substantive issues; the study and evaluation of existing and needed statistical programs, policies, and standards; and the development of plans for the improvement of Federal statistical programs.

This article is a followup to an earlier one on the Statistical Policy Coordination Committee (SPCC), which appeared in the September 1978 *Statistical Reporter*. After highlighting the recent activities of the SPCC and its task forces, the article discusses the activities of a selected number of interagency committees. The appendix contains information on the purpose, function, and membership of each OFSPS interagency committee.

The committee structure varies, ranging from formal to ad hoc. The scope of activities includes technical as well as Government-wide policy issues. Some committees meet frequently, while others convene only occassionally. New committees are formed and existing ones disbanded as required by the needs of the Federal Statistical System.

Membership on the interagency committees is determined in several ways. In the case of the SPCC, the membership was specified in Executive Order No. 12013 which established it. In some instances, OFSPS selects members based on their subject-matter competence and expertise, without regard to organizational affiliation. For example, individuals with expertise in statistical methodology are chosen to serve on the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology. Finally, in other cases, the members of OFSPS committees are the agencies, so that a representative from each member agency is appointed by the agency head. The Interagency Committee on Consumption Statistics is an example of such a committee.

The OFSPS periodically reviews the activities and responsibilities of these interagency committees to determine: whether the committee is fulfilling its objective; whether the responsibilities delegated to it should be changed; and whether the committee should be merged with another committee or terminated. The conduct of such a review is based on the belief that the viability of a committee depends upon its ability to make significant contributions to the programs or goals of the Federal Statistical System and to encourage a desired consensus of expert opinion on an important issue of statistical policy and/or procedure.

On a continuing basis, the OFSPS accomplishes interagency coordination with a series of standing interagency committees. Due to the ever-changing priority concerns of the Federal Statistical System and the anticipation that these will be issues of continuing concern, the OFSPS recently established a number of new committees, which are discussed in this article.

Statistical Policy Coordination Committee

The Statistical Policy Coordination Committee and its task forces and subcommittees are an important feature of the interagency committee structure of OFSPS. The SPCC was created to provide Cabinet-level advice on matters of statistical

policy requiring consideration by the President. The Secretary of Commerce chairs the committee; the Alternate Chair is the Chief Economist for the Department of Commerce. The Director of OFSPS serves as the Executive Secretary.

The SPCC held its first meeting in April 1978, and since that time the Committee has examined a number of issues of primary importance to the Federal Statistical System. It has made recommendations on these issues as well as having served as a forum for informing the Departments and agencies of key statistical issues and obtaining input on these concerns.

Policy recommendations have been made by the SPCC on the following issues: statistical policy reorganization, budget priorities, population projections, and civil service reform. It has been used as a forum for obtaining information concerning the mid-decade census and as a mechanism for keeping the Federal agencies abreast of such developments as the Decision Information Display System and general policy on data access.

A special role of the SPCC is in the statistical budget process. The SPCC has adopted and is implementing the multiyear planning and budget development process recommended by the President's Reorganization Project for the Federal Statistical System. The primary features of the process include: (1) the development of an inventory of statistical information activities; (2) the implementation of a multiyear planning process; and (3) a review of trade-offs and priorities in plans and budget proposals by broad subject area committees such as macroeconomic statistics or social statistics.

The following is a discussion of the work of several of the subcommittees and task forces of the SPCC related to some of the topics noted above.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

In response to recommendations of the President's Reorganization Project for the Federal Statistical System, the SPCC established a subcommittee to provide input to it on the planning and budget process. The subcommittee developed a multiyear budget planning process to serve as a key ingredient in more effective coordination of Federal statistical programs. The new process has been designed to improve the relevancy of Federal data for national policy decisions and to use more efficiently the data already produced. The new procedures, which will be implemented in phases beginning in fiscal year 1981, include the development of an inventory of statistical information activities, the provision of budgets for statistical programs in the zero base budget (ZBB) decision unit format, the institution of multiyear plans for statistical programs and activities, and expanded involvement of user groups in the priority-setting process.

The Subcommittee on the Planning and Budget Process is chaired by OFSPS. Members were selected by the chair to provide representative views of needs for improved budget decisionmaking.

TASK FORCE ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

In view of the changes and opportunities brought about by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, the SPCC established a task force to review and make recommendations concerning the impact of the act on the Federal Statistical System. The activities of the task force have included the development of qualification requirements and evaluation factors for statistical positions and the formulation of recommendations concerning executive development programs for statisticians. The task force provides coordination with key governmental groups such as the Office of Personnel Management and cooperates with professional groups such as the American Statistical Association's Subcommittee on Training Requirements for Government Statisticians.

The Task Force on Civil Service Reform is chaired by OFSPS. Members were chosen to represent the Departments which have major statistical agencies.

TASK FORCE ON POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The Task Force on Population Projections was established in the summer of 1978 to examine the use of population projections in the distribution of Federal funds. The fundamental issues were three: (1) whether funds for capital improvement programs should be distributed based on projections; (2) whether it is appropriate to continue the current practice which allows agencies to use different, frequently contradictory, projection series in funding decisions; and (3) whether a standardized series should be developed in which each

level (local, State, and Federal) would aggregate up the next higher level.

The task force developed positions on these issues and on a number of related topics and made recommendations which were adopted by the Statistical Policy Coordination Committee. Based on these recommendations, OFSPS and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) jointly developed a set of proposals on the development and use of a consistent, comprehensive set of standardized population projections. These proposals were published in the *Federal Register* on December 5, 1979, for public review and comment.

Over 200 comments were received from a variety of sources. Both technical and policy questions were raised concerning a number of basic issues originally discussed by the task force, as well as questions related to the implementation of the original recommendations. Thus, to examine these concerns and to develop revised recommendations where appropriate, the task force was reconvened in June 1980.

The Task Force on Population Projections is chaired by OFSPS. Members include Federal agencies having an interest in the development or use of population projections in funding decisions.

POLICY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES ON SMALL BUSINESS STATISTICS

With the growing awareness that inflation, recession, credit, taxes and regulations affect small and large businesses differently, a Government-wide effort began in November 1979 to develop a small business data base. The data base will provide industry profiles by size of firm for analyzing trends in the relationship and sensitivity of small business to the rest of the economy. The scope of the project is broader than "small business," because it is aimed at developing such data as sales, employment, payrolls, profits, and capital expenditures on a consistent set of size categories for an array of small, medium, and large size businesses. The analyses will be used for shaping and evaluating programs to enhance the economic well-being of small businesses.

The first phase of the data base development culminated with a major recommendation for the adoption of tabulation categories to be followed by statistical agencies in their future tabulation of data by size of business. Work is underway on formulating the size categories into a Government-wide statistical standard to be issued by OFSPS. The next phase of the data base development will be concerned with improving the analytic usefulness of data on size of business.

The Policy and Technical Committees on Small Business Statistics are chaired by the Small Business Administration, and the OFSPS serves as the Executive Secretariat. Members of these committees are agencies which produce data on businesses.

Other Committee Activities

The previous section provided a brief overview of the activities of the SPCC and its task forces. The following section discusses some current activities of the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, a longstanding committee, as well as the activities of other important interagency committees which have been established to meet recent demands upon the Federal Statistical System.

FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology is concerned with issues surrounding statistical methodology. The committee is chaired by OFSPS. The work of the committee is conducted by subcommittees, which are usually chaired by members of the main committee. Members of the main committee are chosen for their expertise in statistical methodology. Subcommittee members are selected for their competence in the particular methodological subject under consideration. In most cases, the work of a subcommittee culminates in the publication of a statistical policy working paper.

For example, one subcommittee has prepared a *Report on Statistical Uses of Administrative Records*. It describes major administrative record files, major statistical uses of administrative record systems, some new administrative record developments, examples of record linkages using administrative records, technical problems associated with the use of administrative records and legal issues of access and coordination. The report includes findings and recommendations for improving the statistical data derived from administrative records. The report will be published near the end of 1980.

Another subcommittee is studying the process of contracting for statistical surveys since many Federal surveys are conducted through organizations outside the Government. During the year, interviews with selected contractors and sponsoring agencies were carried out. Based on the deliberations of the subcommittee and on the interviews, a report will be prepared which will discuss technical skills required in contracting for statistical surveys, technical aspects of the request for proposal, contractor selection procedures and contract management and evaluation. An appendix will present two model RFP's: one including detailed specifications and another one quite broad in nature. Guidelines for contracting for statistical surveys will be suggested. The subcommittee report is expected within a year. A related working group is investigating interagency agreements in which a Federal agency commissions a survey to be carried out by another agency; this is an alternative to contracting surveys with organizations outside the Federal Government.

The work of other subcommittees has resulted in reports on the following topics: statistics for allocation of funds; statistical disclosure and disclosure-avoidance techniques; error profile for employment statistics based on the Current Population Survey; nonsampling error terms; and exact and statistical matching techniques.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE SURVEY OF INCOME AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

A major improvement in household and individual income and wealth statistics and data concerning eligibility and participation in Federal programs will be provided by the implementation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation in 1981. An interagency policy advisory committee has been established to ensure interagency collaboration in the Survey of Income and Program Participation. The new survey, which is the product of planning and development that has been underway since 1974, will make unnecessary many additional separate surveys to provide data concerning the target population for Federal programs. It will also be the principal vehicle for providing improved statistics on the distribution of income and wealth during the 1980's for policy analysis. Through matching techniques, data from the survey can be used to enhance the interpretation of other major household surveys.

The Committee held its first meeting in January 1980. The Committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Members are chosen from the Federal agencies to ensure that agencies with significant responsibilities for the analysis of income consumption and wealth data participate in the major decisions affecting this basic survey program.

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON CONSUMPTION STATISTICS

High annual rates of inflation, large changes in the relative prices of consumer goods, and major adjustments in the availability of consumption items have raised concerns about the data to analyze consumption patterns and to develop appropriate policies. To study and make recommendations to improve programs, concepts, and procedures for collection and analysis of consumption statistics, a new interagency committee was established and its first meeting held in April 1980.

Because issues concerning consumption statistics span survey programs, broad subject matter areas and the availability of data for specific uses, the activities of the committee will focus on crosscutting but specific issues. For example, a subcommittee on food consumption statistics is being formed to (1) explore agency needs for food consumption data, and (2) review current and planned major sources of food consumption data. Energy data collection activities are underway that were designed to serve quite specific needs. These activities tend to produce fragmentary answers on energy consumption data. The relationship and coordination of these activities will be evaluated by the committee.

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON DATA ACCESS AND USE

The Interagency Committee on Data Access and Use was established in April 1980, partially in response to the decision by the SPCC to include improved access to Federal statistical data as a crosscutting issue for the Federal Statistical System in the FY 1982 budget. The committee's purpose is to develop and recommend policies and procedures to assure effective access to, and use of, Federal statistical data, and to provide a forum for Federal agencies to exchange information and ideas concerning data access and use. The committee is chaired by OFSPS. Initially, 12 agencies were

invited to name representatives to the committee, although it is planned to extend participation to other agencies.

At its first meetings the committee has concerned itself with publication of a *Directory of Federal Statistical Data Files,* the development of a Government-wide List of Telephone Contacts for Data Users, and the updating and expansion of the chapter on "User Access to Public Data Files" which appeared in *A Framework for Planning U.S. Federal Statistics for the 1980's.*

A provisional version of the *Directory* has been prepared by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) and the committee anticipates that the first published *Directory,* containing descriptions of some 800 files from about 20 agencies, will be issued by NTIS in the fall of 1980. The committee has recommended that the list of Telephone Contacts for Data Users be organized by subject headings. Development of the list is underway and it is hoped that the first list will be published in *Statistical Reporter* in the fall of 1980. This issue of *Statistical Reporter* contains a list of telephone contacts by agency for obtaining information on Federal statistical data and statistical publications. A draft version of the revised chapter on "User Access to Public Data Files" has been completed covering the data access activities of the agencies represented on the committee. The committee's activities will be expanded to include other topics as well as other agencies in the near future.

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON SEGMENTS OF BUSINESS

The Commission on Federal Paperwork studied in detail financial statistics, especially the role of the Federal Government in fostering the development of segmented financial reporting. The commission recommended that an interagency committee be established by the statistical policy office to develop improved and more compatible classification systems to serve the segmented financial information needs of the Federal agencies. The long-term benefits which the commission hoped to achieve were improvements in the quality of financial data and reduction in the burden imposed on respondents.

The OFSPS established this committee in 1979. A position paper for evaluation by the committee is nearly complete, which includes discussion of needs and uses of this type of data and of the various problems that must be resolved before a classification system can be developed. This paper was developed following extensive discussions with members of the committee. The committee will advise OFSPS on whether the proposed classification system should be developed and what related strategies should be followed.

DECISION INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM

From the simple concept of displaying geographically oriented data on an elaborate (and expensive) image data analysis terminal designed for satellite data applications, the Decision Information Display System has evolved significantly.

In late 1980, the Decision Information Display System is a cooperative interagency program for the application of information technology in the statistical community. The program has two major goals:

1. To improve issues analysis, policy and decisionmaking, and program management at the national level.
2. To improve the effectiveness of access to Federal statistics.

These goals are being achieved with data which are geographically oriented (State, county, city, and regional level).

This project is managed by a series of interagency committees, which are listed in the appendix.

Conclusion

This article has highlighted some of the recent activities of the Statistical Policy Coordination Committee and selected other interagency committees. For many years, committees have been an important aspect of efforts to coordinate Federal statistical activities. Through these committees, the statistical agencies participate in activities which seek to improve the functioning of the Federal Statistical System so that it can better meet the requirements of decisionmakers for data. The consensus proposals from these committees underlie many important improvements in Federal statistics.

Appendix
OFSPS Interagency Committees: Functions and Members

Statistical Policy Coordination Committee

Purpose.—The Statistical Policy Coordination Committee was established by Executive Order No. 12013 to advise and assist the President with respect to the improvement, development, and coordination of Federal and other statistical services, and it performs such other related duties as the President may prescribe.

Organization.—The Statistical Policy Coordination Committee is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce, who also provides administrative support for the functions of the committee. Membership on the committee is designated in the Executive Order as including all cabinet officers, the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was invited to participate. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration were also invited to participate because of the issues considered by the SPCC.

Activities.—The Statistical Policy Coordination Committee is concerned with Presidential/Cabinet-level issues that affect the performance or credibility of the Federal Statistical System. Most of these issues are broad in nature and affect several Federal agencies in relation to the performance of statistical functions. Decisions on these issues may have significant impact on planning and use of resources for effective information flows to policy decisionmakers.

The Committee will address important priority questions among Federal statistical programs. These issues will be both short-term and long-term issues that determine the strategic direction of the Federal Statistical System. Decisions on these issues will provide guidance to the Federal budget review and decision process and to the work program of the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards.

Some priority questions that need attention at the Presidential/Cabinet-level involve development of information systems to support the development and management of major new Federal policy initiatives. Other issues involve possible needs for stronger coordination, control, and program planning mechanisms to gain improved performance from the Federal Statistical System.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS

The Subcommittee on the Planning and Budget Process was established by the SPCC to develop recommendations for the multiyear budget planning process recommended by the President's Reorganization Project for the Federal Statistical System. These recommendations will lead to identification of agencies which should develop and maintain multiyear plans, and of the purpose and content of the plans. The subcommittee may also take up other issues on the scope, procedures and credibility of the planning and budgeting process used in the Federal Statistical System. The subcommittee is chaired by OFSPS. Members are selected by the chair to represent the different actors in the planning and budget decision process.

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The Subcommittee on Social Statistics was established in July 1979 to identify interdepartmental needs for improvements in social statistics and to make recommendations to the SPCC concerning budget priorities for social statistics. In determining budget priorities and making recommendations to the SPCC, the subcommittee provides a comparable mechanism to the Subcommittee on Economic Statistics. The subcommittee may address other issues of potential policy impact and make recommendations to the full SPCC for resolution. At the same time, the Subcommittee has the authority to review issues that do not require action by the SPCC. This Subcommittee is chaired by the OFSPS.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

A new SPCC subcommittee is being formed to provide a broad statistical policy forum for these related subjects. This subcommittee will be analogous to the existing groups that look at social statistics and economic statistics programs across the Federal Government. One important feature is to have the membership consist of users of the statistical information for policy decisions as well as the major suppliers of the statistics. An important purpose of the group is the development of budget priorities for improving statistical information programs in these important policy areas.

The first meeting of the subcommittee is expected to take place in fall, 1980. After the subcommittee determines its agenda, working groups will be formed for each of the three separate subjects or as otherwise dictated by the chosen agenda.

Membership of the subcommittee has not yet been determined.

POLICY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES ON SMALL BUSINESS STATISTICS

Two SPCC Small Business Statistics Committees were established in November 1979, one for policy and the other for technical issues. The purpose is to develop a small business economic data base. Basic information will be provided on economic trends by size of firm that will enable analyses of the relationship and sensitivity of small business to trends in the overall economy. This is broader than "small business," because it is aimed at developing such data as sales, employment, payrolls, profits and capital expenditures on a consistent set of size categories for a broad array of small, medium and large size businesses. These committees are chaired by the Small Business Administration.

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TASK FORCE ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

The Task Force on Civil Service Reform was established in December 1979 to examine issues and prepare recommendations concerning the impact of the Civil Service Reform Act on the Federal Statistical System. The task force is chaired by OFSPS. It has cited six areas of concern for recommendation and monitoring:

1. Development of recommendations concerning mandatory and desirable qualification requirements, recruitment targeting (including outreach plans), evaluation factors, and rating sheets for selected positions within the statistical agencies.
2. Improving qualification standards for statistical positions.
3. Review and development of illustrative performance plans.
4. Executive Development Plans for potential candidates for Senior Executive Service (SES) positions.
5. Procedures within the various agencies for filling career-reserved versus general positions.
6. Criteria used in the various agencies for the designation of positions to be included in the merit pay system.

A number of products are under development, and will be provided for use by the Federal Statistical System in an advisory capacity.

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The Task Force on Family Budgets was established in May 1979 to provide a means for keeping agencies with an interest in the program informed concerning progress of the Expert Committee. This SPCC task force has two objectives: (1) to provide an informal forum for keeping abreast of the work of the Expert Committee and a means of providing initial reactions which the Expert Committee may wish to consider, and (2) to advise the

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TASK FORCE ON POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The Task Force on Population Projections was established in July 1978 to draft a set of recommendations concerning the use of population projections in Federal funding programs. The initial recommendations of the task force were reviewed and accepted by the SPCC and were developed into a proposed directive published in the *Federal Register* on December 5, 1979. The task force will be consulted by the SPCC, as appropriate, to address the substantive and procedural comments received in response to the proposals.

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TASK FORCE ON URBAN DATA

The Task Force on Urban Data was established in June 1978 to develop a set of "urban indicators," and to identify data needed for State and local planning of urban initiatives. The development of "urban indicators" is divided into two phases. The first involves the compilation of a set of priority indicators which could be completed within a year,

[1]Former Chair of the Task Force.

using already-published or otherwise easily accessible data. The second phase focuses on a more detailed set of indicators, to permit the measurement of the status and change in important urban concerns of the Federal Departments and agencies. This phase could require information not currently available. This Task Force is chaired by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Federal Council on Statistical Plans and Programs

Purpose.—The purpose of the Federal Council on Statistical Plans and Programs is to provide general coordination among the principal Federal statistical agencies and statistical policy units.

Organization.—The members of the Federal Council on Statistical Plans and Programs are the heads of the major statistical agencies or major statistical policy units. Members are appointed by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards.

Activities.—The Federal Council on Statistical Plans and Programs is closely coordinated with the Statistical Policy Coordination Committee (SPCC), a Cabinet-level body. It is concerned with identification of general policies that need resolution by the SPCC and with implementation of such policies. The Council also addresses policy issues that do not need attention by the SPCC and serves as a forum for common information needs about the operation of Federal statistical programs.

The Council reviews the activities of critical interagency committees and assists by providing staff support to such committees. It helps identify needs for new committees or new objectives and issues for existing committees.

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Federal Agency Council for Demographic Censuses

Purpose.—To provide a mechanism for Federal agencies to articulate their needs and interests in the demographic censuses. The relevant interests range from content to the output formats of the final reports.

Organization.—The Council was established by the Statistical Policy Division of OMB (now the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards) in cooperation with the Census Bureau. All Federal agencies were invited to participate. Over 90 indicated an interest in participating. The Council is chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards.

The Council was originally established in connection with planning for the 1980 census and was titled the Federal Agency Council on the 1980 Census. The charter was amended in 1978 to include the Mid-decade Census.

Activity.—As part of the planning process for the 1980 Census, the Council established committees in the following subject areas: disability, education, general demography, health, housing, income, labor, labor force classification, race and ethnicity, and transportation. Most of these committees were retired with the submission of their final reports to the Chair of the Council. These committees made recommendations to the Council which, in turn, made recommendations to the Census Bureau. Each of these committees was chaired by the OFSPS staff member responsible for that area of activity.

The Council has provided input concerning agency data needs from the Mid-decade Census as well as commenting on the geographic detail proposed by the Census Bureau.

Since its inception, the Council has reviewed the subject matter interests of all agencies and has reported its conclusions to the Bureau of the Census. The Council also provided proposed tabulation specifications and proposed sample tables for publication in the 1980 census report.

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Purpose.—To provide a forum for discussion of developmental research projects of the Committee on National Statistics as well as other activities of relevance to the Federal Statistical System.

Organization.—The panel is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The statistical agencies as well as statistical policy units are invited to participate in the panel.

Activities.—The Interagency Panel on Federal Statistics (Consortium) was created in 1975 to provide a forum for an exchange of views concerning the requirements of the Federal Statistical System in relation to the mandate of the Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) of the National Academy of Sciences. The panel and the staff of CNSTAT hold quarterly meetings to discuss relevant issues. On occasion, the members of the panel attend meetings of the CNSTAT (composed of distinguished statisticians and other scientists) to participate in the consideration of proposed research projects and their relevance to the Federal Statistical System. The panel acts in an advisory capacity to CNSTAT concerning the prioritizing of the developmental research projects to be undertaken by the CNSTAT.

In recognition of the importance of the work of the CNSTST, and the need for independence to be effective, the panel provides core financial support for CNSTAT. The mechanism for this support (Consortium Contract) is administered by the OFSPS.

Periodic evaluations are conducted of the Consortium activity. A Task Force of the Interagency Panel is currently evaluating the full scope of activity under the Consortium contract during the past 5 years.

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Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology

Purpose.—To recommend standards for statistical methodology to be followed by Federal statistical agencies. The committee shall investigate problems which affect the quality of Federal statistical data, as well as suggest ways for improving statistical methodology in Federal agencies.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The members are selected because of their recognized expertise in the area of statistical methodology. The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) has formed subcommittees to investigate specific areas.

Activities.—The subcommittees have prepared reports which were published. *Statistical Policy Working Paper 1* is a *Report on Statistics for Allocation of Funds* and *Statistical Policy Working Paper 2* is a *Report on Statistical Disclosure and Disclosure-Avoidance Techniques.* A seminar among Federal employees was organized to disseminate the findings of Working Paper 2.

The Subcommittee on Nonsampling Errors prepared two documents published as *Statistical Policy Working Paper 3—An Error Profile: Employment as Measured by the Current Population Survey,* which describes the method used to obtain employment statistics and what is known about potential errors in these data; *Statistical Policy Working Paper 4—Glossary of Nonsampling Error Terms: An Illustration of a Semantic Problem in Statistics,* includes one or more definitions from different sources of selected non-sampling error terms.

Another Subcommittee on Matching Data Records looked at both exact matching techniques and statistical matching techniques which are evaluated from the point of view of confidentiality requirements and quality of results. This subcommittee prepared *Statistical Policy Working Paper 5—Report on Exact and Statistical Matching Techniques.* The findings of the subcommittee on Standards for Federal-State-Local Cooperative Statistical Programs were incorporated in *A Framework for Planning U.S. Federal Statistics for the 1980's.*

A subcommittee has prepared a *Report on Statistical Uses of Administrative Records.* This report will be published before the end of 1980. Two other subcommittees are investigating "Contracting Statistical Surveys" and "Interagency Agreements." An additional Subcommittee on Microsimulation is studying the feasibility of developing guidelines for the presentation of data produced by microsimulation models.

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Federal Committee on Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Purpose.—The Federal Committee on Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) was established to advise the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards (and its predecessors) on carrying out its responsibility for designating and defining SMSA's. These definitions have been developed for use by all Federal agencies compiling statistical data for general use. Many State and local governments and private research firms have also found them useful, especially when comparability with basic data compiled by Federal agencies is desirable. These definitions are designed to serve a wide variety of purposes, including the presentation of census statistics on population, industry, and trade; current employment and payroll data; and local labor market analysis.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards and is chaired by its Director. In addition to the OFSPS staff responsible for the SMSA standard, the committee membership is composed of representatives from agencies which collect the data used in defining and designating SMSA's, agencies which use the SMSA as a standard for statistical analysis and data presentation, and agencies which administer Federal programs using the SMSA for the distribution of Federal grants.

Activities.—One of the major activities of the committee is assisting the office in developing the criteria used for designating and defining SMSA's. Prior to each decennial census, the committee reviews and examines at length the existing criteria, in order to find those which most effectively measure metropolitan phenomena and at the same time are based on data which are available in Federal statistics. The committee recently completed a revision of the criteria which will be applied to data from the 1980 decennial census. During the review process the committee considered outside proposals for change in the criteria and submitted its draft recommendations for public comment before the final set of standards were adopted.

After the decennial census data become available, the committee assists the office in applying these data to the SMSA standards to determine the designations and definitions of SMSA's. During the period between censuses the committee reviews data from special censuses and revenue sharing population estimates developed by the Bureau of the Census to determine if any new areas meet the SMSA requirements, advises the office on sensitive issues regarding the application of the criteria, and hears presentations by local areas desiring SMSA status.

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Federal Committee on International Statistics

Purpose.—One of the functions of the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards is to serve as the central point for liaison on statistical matters between U.S. Government agencies and international organizations. The Director of this office is the U.S. Representative to the United Nations Statistical Commission and the Commission's Working Group on Statistical Programs and Coordination. In addition, the Director represents the United States at meetings of the Conference of European Statisticians, the Committee on Improvement of National Statistics, and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific's Committee on Statistics. The Federal Committee on International Statistics was established to assist in carrying out these functions by advising the head of this office and its predecessors on international statistical policy issues, by giving guidance on representing U.S. interests at international sessions, and by serving as a forum for coordinating U.S. participation in international statistical activities.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards and is chaired by the Director of the office. U.S. Federal agencies which have an interest in the production and use of international statistics are represented on the committee. These include agencies which provide U.S. data to international organizations, agencies which use international data for analysis, and agencies which sponsor or coordinate the participation of the United States in international activities. Members of the committee are generally the head of the agency or the head of the organizational unit within the agency responsible for the agency's international activities.

Activities.—The major responsibility of the committee is advising the Director on international statistical policy; such advice may be in the form of formal position papers or briefing notes prepared for all sessions for which the Director serves as the U.S. Representative, or in the form of informal advice on issues and questions which may arise outside of formal international meetings. To insure that the interests and views of all Federal agencies are considered, all position papers and briefing notes prepared by individual members of the committee are reviewed by the whole committee. The committee also advises on the extent and nature of U.S. participation in international conferences and on the selection of the U.S. delegations. In addition, the committee serves as a contact for distributing international materials and publications and for coordinating regular and special requests from international statistical organizations.

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Purpose.—The Decision Information Display System (DIDS) is part of the overall effort of the Executive Office of the President to improve the quality, timeliness, and access to information needed for high-level decisionmaking. The system is to adapt and apply modern technology from the physical sciences to the social sciences operating environment; to facilitate analysis of statistical data relevant to persistent national policy issues such as inflation, unemployment, energy usage, taxation, and foreign trade; to cross correlate data from various source agencies rapidly and graphically; to facilitate access to Federal statistics; and to serve as a stimulus and a vehicle to standardization efforts among statistical agencies for subnational data.

Organization.—The Decision Information Display System program is under the general guidance of an informal Policy Council and under the more specific direction of an Executive Committee, a Steering Committee, a Technical Committee, a permanent Program Manager, and various ad hoc committees and working groups. The Program Management Office is physically located within the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards.

Activities.—Within the parameters of the foregoing statement of purpose, a White House initiative prompted joint efforts by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration and the Bureau of the Census to organize a system which could display socioeconomic and demographic data by a computer-driven, color-graphics interactive terminal. The prototype was demonstrated at the White House and the Capitol Building in June 1978 to approximately 200 staff persons in the executive and legislative branches. The positive reaction to the demonstration resulted in the mounting of a 1-year demonstration project, beginning in September 1978 funded by an initial group of 15 Federal agencies. During the demonstration and experimentation period, the system was enhanced with the addition of data bases from several of the participating agencies and new data-manipulation and display features. Dozens of agencies in Federal, State, and local governments, and members of academia and private industry have been exposed to the DIDS technology. Both the executive and legislative Branches participate and have access to the system.

The primary goal for fiscal year 1980 to bring the system to an initial operational capability was achieved. Refinements have been made in the system's hardware and software and progress has been made in establishing a documented and designed content data base.

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Subcommittee on Economic Statistics

Purpose.—To improve the quality and flow of statistical and analytical information available for major economic policy decisions.

Organization.—The committee is chaired by the Council of Economic Advisers and is a subgroup of the Economic Policy Group. The Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards serves as executive secretary under the leadership of the Deputy Director for Economic Statistics. Membership is by invitation to people involved in making major economic policy decisions and people responsible for providing the statistical and analytical information they need.

Activities.—The committee serves as a forum for users and suppliers of economic information to discuss mutual concerns and to become aware of each others needs and problems. The committee identifies needs for changes and improvements in economic data programs and can request special studies or evaluations to be reported back to the committee. Programs of several agencies working in a subject matter area such as prices or commodities may be reviewed and advice is provided on anticipated program changes of major statistical agencies. Topics to be addressed may be identified by the members.

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Interagency Committee on Data Access and Use

Purpose.—To develop and recommend policies and procedures to assure effective access to, and use of, Federal statistical data. The committee will also provide a forum for Federal agencies to exchange information and ideas concerning data access and use.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Members are agencies with major statistical programs. Working groups are formed to focus on specific topics selected by the committee.

Activities.—The committee serves as a forum for Federal agencies to evaluate ways to improve access to Federal statistical data and more effective use thereof. The committee reviews activities of agencies and makes recommendations for coordination. The committee assists OFSPS in developing policies and standards for data access and use to apply to all Federal agencies. Studies on issues of data access and use may be carried out by the committee or its working groups, as appropriate.

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Interagency Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics

Purpose.—To serve as a discussion forum for the compilers and users of balance of payments statistics as they work toward improvements in these statistical series.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Agencies involved in this area of work are invited to name a representative on the committee.

Activities.—The committee meets as needed to deal with topics on the development, compilation, and presentation of these statistics. Problems in availability and quality of data used in these accounts are addressed and pursued with data suppliers.

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Interagency Committee on Consumption Statistics

Purpose.—To study and make recommendations to improve programs, concepts and procedures for collection and analysis of consumption statistics. The committee also serves as a forum to discuss information of common concern to its members who collect and use consumption statistics.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership is drawn from Federal agencies on the basis of expertise with the purpose of ensuring liaison with agencies having a significant role in the planning, collection or analysis of consumption statistics. Subcommittees or working groups are formed as needed to focus on specific issues.

Activities.—Meetings are called as needed to discuss consumption statistics topics of general interest. Activities will focus on sources and uses of consumption statistics. The breadth of committee activities spans personal and some business consumption statistics. Issues concerning specific survey programs, specific subject matter areas, or the availability of consumption statistics for use with other statistics such as income or price statistics for policy analysis will be discussed. For example, the data that will be available from the continuing Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) will be discussed, and ideas which are relevant to the redesign of the CES will be explored. Initial subject matter related activities will focus on energy, food and GNP related consumption issues. Food and energy data collection plans will be reviewed to avoid duplication and to fill data gaps to serve policy and other data user needs.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOOD CONSUMPTION

The Subcommittee on Food Consumption will: (1) explore requirements for food consumption data, (2) review current and planned major sources of food consumption data utilized by Federal agencies, and (3) make recommendations to the Interagency Committee on Consumption Statistics with respect to improvements in statistics on food consumption. In addition to data requirements and sources for household and individual food consumption, the interests of the subcommittee may include consideration of alternative sources of estimates of household consumption and expenditure data. The subcommittee may also consider data needs for monitoring the use of food additives and coloring.

The subcommittee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership is drawn from Federal agencies on the basis of expertise, with the purpose of ensuring liaison with Federal agencies with a role in the planning, collection or analysis of food consumption data.

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Interagency Committee on Financial Statistics

Purpose.—To improve existing financial statistics programs by identifying data requirements and gaps. The committee also provides coordination among suppliers and users of financial statistics.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Members are agencies involved in the collection and use of financial statistics. Working groups are formed to focus on specific topics selected by the committee.

Activities.—Topics covered by this committee range from the Flow of Funds accounts to mortgage credit statistics, statistics of income programs, the Quarterly Financial Report and the working capital data series. The Committee will consider the possible need for a commission of experts to conduct a comprehensive study for improving concepts and data base use in the Flow of Funds accounts and a large number of recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Gross National Product Data Improvement.

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Interagency Committee on International Investment Statistics

Purpose.—To provide coordination, policy advice and direction to the survey activities required by the Foreign Investment Survey Act of 1976.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership consists of agencies with a responsibility for the conduct of the required surveys or a major interest in use of the data collected. Agencies choose their representatives to the committee. Subcommittees or working groups are formed as needed to focus on specific issues.

Activities.—Coordination and guidance is provided on a wide variety of statistical activities authorized by the Foreign Investment Survey Act of 1976. These include benchmark surveys of foreign direct investment in the United States or by U.S. companies abroad, and foreign investments in portfolios of U.S. securities. Needs for more frequent data collections such as annual sample surveys and required reports at time of investment are assessed. Working groups focus on needs for more detailed information to analyze the impact of foreign investment on employment, trade and technology transfer.

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Interagency Committee on Labor Statistics

Purpose.—To study and make recommendations on conceptual and technical aspects of labor statistics. The committee also serves as a clearinghouse for information of common concern to its members who collect and/or use labor statistics.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership consists of agencies responsible for production of labor statistics and others who are frequent users of these data. Agencies appoint a person to represent them on the committee.

Activities.—Studies and recommendations focus on a number of issues in labor statistics. These include increased integration of labor data at the national, State and local level; providing wage, hour, and benefits data on all government employees; developing a comprehensive data set on the distribution of workers by important economic and demographic characteristics; and providing more information on the unemployed who have exhausted their insurance benefits. There are a number of opportunities to develop a more well rounded and integrated body of statistical information on employment and the labor force that should be undertaken by the Committee.

It is planned that this committee will be reestablished in fiscal year 1981.

Interagency Committee on Land Use Data

Purpose.—To develop improved programs, concepts, measures, and procedures for collection and analysis of statistics relating to land use. The committee serves as a forum for joint sharing of information and concerns about statistics relating to land use.

Organization.—The Committee is chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership consists of Federal experts involved in the planning, collection, or analysis of data related to land use.

Activities.—The Committee meets periodically to exchange information concerning developments relating to land use statistics.

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Interagency Committee on Price Statistics

Purpose.—To develop improved programs, concepts, measures, and procedures for collection and analysis of price statistics and price indexes. The committee serves as a forum for joint sharing of information and concerns of the member agencies about price statistics programs.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Agencies appoint a representative to the committee if the agency is a producer or frequent user of price statistics.

Activities.—Discussions and evaluations by this committee range across a number of related topics.

These include the Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index programs, consumer expenditure surveys, family budget and cost-of-living information, international price programs and agricultural price programs. Specific topics are chosen by the committee for focus and study as required.

It is planned that this committee will be reestablished in fiscal year 1981.

Technical Committee on Seasonal Adjustment of Time Series Data

Purpose.—To provide for a more concerted effort in improving the methodology used in seasonally adjusting time series data and establishing standards for the publication of seasonally adjusted data.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership consists of agencies which seasonally adjust time series data. Agencies choose their representatives to the committee.

Activities.—The primary emphasis of the committee since its establishment in May 1979 has been to provide a more concerted effort for interagency communication and exchange of information relating to various seasonal adjustment methodologies and to encourage more intraagency communication on this topic. The committee also provides a forum for discussion of proposed methodological changes. The committee plans to focus on developing criteria for selecting a seasonal adjustment methodology for a given series and for specifying the adequacy of that seasonal adjustment.

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Interagency Committee on Classification for Segments of Business

Purpose.—The purpose of the committee is to study the needs, advisability and feasibility of developing a Segments of Business Classification System to be used in statistical programs.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The membership includes technical persons from agencies that are users and collectors of segmented business statistics.

Activities.—This committee is exploring the needs and suitability of a new classification system. Its activities could include the development of principles and procedures for the establishment of a new classification system for segmented business statistics, if it decided such a system is needed and feasible. This decision will be made after development and review of a major paper on the needs and feasibility.

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Interagency Committee on Transportation Statistics

Purpose.—The Committee aids the development of improved planning, collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of transportation statistics and data programs of the Federal Government. The committee also advises the Director of the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on multiagency needs for policy, standards and program improvements.

Organization.—The Committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership on the Committee consists of Federal agencies with authority, responsibility and major involvement in providing or using transportation information.

Each member agency will be asked to name an individual to the Committee. This individual may be supported by technical representatives from subordinate agencies or areas of work involved in transportation statistics. One of these technical representatives may serve as an alternate when the member is unable to participate in meetings of the Committee.

The individual member should be familiar with the statistical and data programs, policies and problems of his Department or agency on needs for interagency policy and coordination.

Working subgroups will be organized by the Committee as needed to discuss specific topics. The member and technical representatives will be responsible to identify appropriate staff for these subgroups.

Activities.—The committee was created to:

1. Monitor current and proposed practices of Federal agencies that affect transportation information systems and recommend improvements.
2. Determine needs for transportation information, inventory and assess available information, identify needs for additional data and improved data programs.
3. Share experiences and information on data programs to improve coordination and exchange of transportation information.
4. Study and recommend areas and methodologies for joint data collection, processing and reporting to avoid overlap and duplication.
5. Encourage and facilitate establishment of interagency agreements for joint programs in collection, analysis, and dissemination of transportation information.
6. Recommend programs designed to enhance the exchange of transportation information among agencies.
7. Recommend methods and programs for standardizing transportation information terminology.
8. Recommend methods of improving the dissemination of transportation data.
9. Consider such other transportation information related topics as the Committee may deem appropriate.

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Technical Committee on Business Conditions Digest

Purpose.—To provide general advice and assistant in development and publication of economic time series found most useful by business analysts and forecasters. These series are published monthly in the Department of Commerce publication, *Business Conditions Digest.*

Organization.—The committee is sponsored by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards (OFSPS). The chairperson is selected by OFSPS and that person and OFSPS jointly select members for the committee. Members are generally chosen for their professional expertise in compiling or using economic time series or because of their responsibility for providing economic time series data.

Activities.—The committee focuses on the concepts, construction and use of selected data series for publication in *Business Conditions Digest.* This may include the addition or deletion of series, change in compilation methods including seasonal adjustment, evaluation of series quality, and identification of needs for new series.

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Occupational Classification Committee

Purpose.—To provide detailed evaluation and advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on the development, maintenance and publication of the Standard Occupational Classification system.

Organization.—This committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The membership includes persons concerned with the uses and applications of data on the occupational activity of workers. Most members come from agencies that either collect or analyze data on occupations.

Activities.—This group is concerned with the structure of the system and provides advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on matters pertaining to the publication and use of the system. Much of the detailed work is done by smaller technical work groups to which a portion of the classification system is assigned. The technical work groups are made up of both members of the Occupational Classification Committee and technical persons generally from agencies represented on the committee.

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Industrial Directory Committee

Purpose.—To provide interagency advice on the development of a standard list of all establishments and enterprises for use by Federal statistical agencies. This list would provide for more comparable data collected from business and industry and more efficient sampling of business and service establishments.

Organization.—This committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. It includes members from agencies that could benefit from the use of a standard list of establishments in their statistical programs.

Activities.—The committee provides advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on developing legislation to provide for interagency use of a list which would be coded but not quantified with various size, geographic, and economic activity codes. The committee would also provide advice to the Census Bureau (the agency designated to develop the list) on the operation, structure and content of the list.

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Technical Committee on Industrial Classification

Purpose.—The purpose of the committee is to provide detailed, definitive evaluation and advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on every recommendation for revision of the Standard Industrial Classification, Enterprise Standard Industrial Classification, or ownership classification.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The membership includes technical persons from agencies that are users of industrially classified establishment or company data for either collection or analytic purposes.

Activities.—This is a working committee requiring substantial involvement in meetings with additional time for data tabulation, writing of industry descriptions, checking index items and writing explanations of the reason for accepting or rejecting a recommendation.

Its activities include the development of proposed principles and procedures for interrelated establishment, company, and the legal-form-of-ownership classification of business. It also provides advice on the procedures for implementing the standard.

The current major activity is development of a revised Standard Industrial Classification by the end of 1981.

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Commodity and Industry Classification Coordination Committee

Purpose.—To coordinate the work of the Technical Committee on Industrial Classification with the work on commodity classification by various agencies and provide advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards on international classifications. The committee may also be concerned with a classification of services. In addition it may provide advice on the relationship of industry and commodity classifications to ownership and occupational classification.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. The membership includes persons responsible for commodity classifications in both statistical and administrative agencies as well as agencies collecting or contracting for collection of any commodity data. Both legislative and executive organizations are invited to participate.

Activities.—The primary activities of the committee are to develop guidelines and principles to coordinate industry with commodity classifications to minimize the difference between various classification systems.

In addition to the TSUSA, Schedule B, and Numerical List of Manufactured Products, the committee will consider the following classifications: the Commodity Classification for Transportation Statistics; the Commodity Classification for Domestic Waterborne Commerce; BLS price index categories; the Defense Supply Agency's commodity classification; the Patent Office classification; Department of Energy's energy materials standards; Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials classification; the Food and Drug Administration's National Drug Code Directory; and the Consumer Products Safety Commission's classification.

The committee will also look at the feasibility of developing a detailed definitive base set of commodities which would define all structured commodity classifications and provide an identification code for each commodity which would enable a single code to meet all of the requirements of the classification structures.

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Interagency Committee on Housing Statistics

The committee serves as a forum for the discussion of Federal agency concerns related to the planning, collection and analysis of data relating to housing and, on request, provides advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards in this area.

The committee is chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Membership is drawn from Federal agencies on the basis of expertise and with the purpose of ensuring liaison with Federal agencies having a significant role in the planning, collection or analysis of housing data.

Activity during the year will focus on data needs which should be considered in the redesign of the Annual Housing Survey for the decade ahead.

The Committee will be reconstituted early in fiscal year 1981.

Policy Advisory Committee on the Survey of Income and Program Participation

Purpose.—To provide a forum for policy discussion and advice to ensure that agencies with significant responsibilities for the analysis of income consumption and wealth data have an input to the major decisions affecting the survey program.

Organization.—The committee is sponsored and chaired by the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards. Regular meetings of the committee will be held quarterly during the initial year. Thereafter, at least a regular annual meeting will be held. Additional meetings will be called as required by the Chair after consultation with committee members.

The committee will draw on the Interagency Committee on Income and Wealth Distribution Statistics and the advisory committee agencies to staff out topics of concern. The Chair will be responsible for coordination of meeting agendas. Other agencies will be invited as appropriate to discuss policy concerns relating to the committee.

Activities.—The committee will be responsible for making recommendations with respect to topics such as: priorities for data coverage; sampling design strategies; interagency cost sharing and user charges; survey development; evaluation; and user conferences.

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Interagency Committee on Income and Wealth Distribution Statistics

Purpose.—The committee serves as a forum for the discussion of Federal agency concerns related to the planning, collection and analysis of economic data about households; and, on request, provides advice to the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards (OFSPS) concerning statistical policies in this area.

Organization.—The Committee is chaired by OFSPS. Membership is drawn from Federal agencies on the basis of expertise, with the purpose of

ensuring liaison with Federal agencies having a significant role in the planning, collection or analysis of economic data about households. There are two subcommittees: a Subcommittee on Poverty Statistics and a Subcommittee on Wealth focusing on questions relating to the distribution of household wealth.

Activities.—Meetings are called as needed to discuss topics of general interest. Periodically, meetings are devoted to briefings and discussion of progress in the development of the Department of Health and Human Services/Bureau of the Census Survey of Income and Program Participation. During the year the Subcommittee on Poverty will develop recommendations concerning tabulations of the 1980 Census of Population for poverty areas.

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Interagency Statistical Committee On Long-Term Care for the Elderly

Purpose.—The interagency committee was convened in 1979 at the request of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to (1) develop an inventory of existing and planned data sources on long-term care for the elderly, (2) assess the adequacy of their coverage in relation to major long-term care policy issues, and (3) make recommendations for obtaining needed data. For purposes of this review, long-term care was defined as including the whole spectrum of continuing support services, as well as the more traditional institutional care services.

Organization.—The committee is chaired by OFSPS. It includes representatives of the major research and statistical components of agencies with a substantive interest in aging and long-term care.

Activities.—The Committee has produced two reports, published by OMB in 1980: *Data Coverage of the Functionally Limited Elderly,* a report of the committee's findings and recommendations; and the *Inventory of Data Sources on the Functionally Limited Elderly: A Compendium of the Content and Coverage of Data Sources on Long-Term Care for the Elderly,* which includes detailed listings of information on 103 surveys and studies.

A working group of the committee has been organized to review the operating definitions for types of living quarters. A report will be prepared by early 1981 recommending statistical guidelines for survey definitions of health care institutions, as recommended by the committee report.

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TELEPHONE CONTACTS FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH MAJOR STATISTICAL PROGRAMS

September 1980

As a step toward improving access to Federal statistics, the Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards (OFSPS) is commencing publication of this list of contacts for Federal agencies with major statistical programs. The focus in on contacts for public information and publications related to the statistical programs. The intent is to give a single, first-contact point-of-entry for users of statistics both inside and outside of the Federal Government. This list will be updated periodically.

OFSPS will provide reprints of this list upon request. Federal agencies are urged to use this list in responding to general inquiries regarding Federal statistics. The list may also be valuable for exhibit booths at conventions and professional meetings.

Requests for reprints as well as comments and suggestions for improving the list should be sent to Suzann Evinger, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.20230.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

CALENDAR OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

In an effort to aid users, the *Statistical Reporter* will periodically contain a calendar of training seminars and workshops on Federal statistics. While some of the Federal statistical agencies provide this type of information to selected audiences, there is no comprehensive reference which receives wide general distribution. This calendar seeks to fill this gap.

The calendar will provide information on seminars and workshops which will help users understand and gain access to the statistical resources of the Federal Statistical System. It will include activities located not only in Washington, D.C., but also around the country. Specific details on the activities may be obtained from the information contact listed for each agency.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on this new feature. Please send them to: Suzann K. Evinger, Editor, *Statistical Reporter,* Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Department of Agriculture

Economics and Statistics Service

Title: Agricultural Economic and Statistics Data User Workshop
Place: Chicago, IL
Date: January 28, 1981

Title: Agricultural Economic and Statistics Data User Workshop
Place: Memphis, TN
Date: January 29, 1981

Title: Agricultural Economic and Statistics Data User Workshop
Place: Denver, CO
Date: January 30, 1981

Title: Agricultural Economic and Statistics Data User Workshop
Place: Washington, D.C.
Date: March 4, 1981

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Department of Commerce

Bureau of the Census

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Place: Washington, D.C.
Date: October 28-29, 1980

Title: 1980 Census Machine-Readable Data Products and Software
Place: Washington, D.C.
Date: November 13-14, 1980

Title: Seminar for Librarians on Accessing Statistical Resources from the Census Bureau and Other Selected Federal Agencies
Place: Washington, D.C.
Date: November 17-20, 1980

Title: 1980 Census Machine-Readable Data Products and Software
Place: Boston, MA
Date: November 18-19, 1980

Title: Introduction to Geography, Geocoding and GBF/DIME Files
Place: Philadelphia, PA
Date: November 18-20, 1980

Title: Advanced Population Estimating Methodology
Place: Dallas, TX
Date: December 8-12, 1980

Title: 1980 Census Machine-Readable Data Products and Software
Place: Washington, D.C.
Date: December 9-10, 1980

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Title: Statistical Methods in Public Health II
Place: San Francisco, CA
Date: November 17-21, 1980

Title: Biostatistical Software for Health Applications
Place: St. Louis, MO
Date: November 17-21, 1980

Title: Automatic Data Processing & Computer Terminal Usage
Place: Orlando, FL
Date: December 1-5, 1980

Title: Life Table Methods in Health & Mental Health Programs
Place: San Francisco, CA
Date: December 8-12, 1980

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INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, ANNUAL REVISION

The Federal Reserve Board's mid-September release of the index of industrial production also included the results of the annual data revision for 1979. The revised data will also be included in the computer tape (6250 BPI, 9 track, odd parity) of all published series from 1919 through currently published series, which may be purchased for $100.

Requests for free copies of the release, or for purchase of the tape should be directed to Publication Services, Division of Support Services, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. (VICKI GOLEMBIESKI, BUSINESS CONDITIONS SECTION, DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, telephone (202) 452-2570)

CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES, ANNUAL REVISION

The Federal Reserve Board's capacity utilization rates have been revised beginning with January 1979. These revisions are based on the production index annual revision (also released in September) and on some adjustments to capacity estimates.

Copies of these data may be obtained from Publications Services, Division of Support Services, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. (RONALD ROST, BUSINESS CONDITIONS SECTION, DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS, BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, telephone (202) 452-2469)

FOOD MARKETING INDEX

The Economics, Statistics, and Cooperatives Service recently published a report entitled *The Food Marketing Cost Index: A New Measure for Analyzing Food Price Changes.* This report describes new Laspeyres price indexes for measuring changes in the costs of processing, wholesaling, and retailing food. These indexes are constructed primarily from U.S. Department of Commerce data on the relative importance of inputs used by the food industries and data from the U.S. Department of Labor on hourly earnings and prices paid for intermediate goods and services.

Indexes presented in the report provide better information for analyzing the farm-to-retail price spread than the previously available indexes of prices of intermediate goods and services used in food marketing. The indexes are based on more current cost weights, incorporate labor and transportation costs, and correspond more closely to the concepts of the farm-to-retail price spread for the market basket of foods for at-home consumption. Changes in the index from 1967 to 1979 are analyzed.

Single free copies of this 22-page report, Technical Bulletin No. 1633, by Harry H. Harp, are available in Room 0054, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. (HARRY H. HARP, ECONOMICS, STATISTICS, AND COOPERATIVES SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, telephone (202) 447-8801)

URBAN UPDATE

The Census Bureau has published an *Urban Update* to the popular *Directory of Federal Statistics for Local Areas.* A 138-page supplement to the earlier volume, the *Update* is the Bureau's latest guide to urban statistics compiled by the Federal Government.

The *Update* is best used as a companion with the *Directory;* like the *Directory,* however, it may be used by itself.

Together, these volumes show what Government reports to check to find statistics for cities and other local areas. They cite reports published by the Census Bureau and other Federal agencies. The books are directed primarily at decision-makers—planners, market specialists, and soon—at librarians, researchers, and scholars.

Published in 1977, the original *Directory* covers the entire range of social, economic, and technical data on small areas available from the U.S. Government. The American Library Association chose this book as one of the three outstanding general reference books of 1978. Though its scope is somewhat different, the 1979 volume brings the statistical picture up to date.

Both volumes have chapters covering all the subjects for which the Federal Government publishes local area statistics. They show where to look for statistics on topics such as income, housing, price indexes, and labor. They also show where to look for unusual data, such as drive-in theatre receipts, stowaway counts, and cost of municipal sludge hauling.

The unique thing about these reference books is their format: a series of columns telling what data are available, what areas they cover, where, by whom, and how often they are published. The books also give report titles and table numbers to minimize searching.

To make it easier to find data, the *UPDATE* itself has an index and bibliography for both volumes. The index lists 2,350 subjects; the bibliography cites well over 400 Government reports.

There are some key differences between the *Directory* and its *Update.* The *Directory* has abstracts from 361 Government reports; the *Update* covers only one-third as many.

Both have urban data—statistics for cities, Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's), metropolitan housing and labor areas, and others, but the *Directory* cites data for many nonurban local areas, such as counties, weather stations, airports. By contrast, the focus of the *Update* is almost entirely on cities and areas containing cities.

There is another difference in scope. The *Directory* covers U.S. Government reports published between 1966 and 1976. The *Update* describes tables not previously abstracted from over 100 reports issued through 1978. It also records changes in previously cited reports and revises the *Directory's* lists of SMSA's and cities having 100,000 people.

The *Update* reflects new trends in statistical coverage. One of its hightlights is an all new section on public opinion about crime in the Crime and Law Enforcement chapter.

Copies of the *Directory* ($5.50; GPO Stock No. 003-024-01553-6) and its new *UPDATE* ($4.50; GPO Stock No. 003-024-02167-6) may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or any of its bookstores throughout the country. They are also available at Commerce Department bookstores. Both volumes are also on microfiche. (JOHN MCCALL, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, telephone (301) 449-1672)

DISCUSSION ON ANALYSES OF LONGITUDINAL DATA FROM THE CPS

The Bureau of Labor Statistics issued a report based on a late 1979 seminar on the potential strengths and weaknesses of data sets and analyses of CPS longitudinal files. The report includes edited transcripts of five individual presentations:

- Ronald Dopkowski (Census Bureau) describes CPS collection and processing procedures and

what impact they might have on the quality of longitudinal data provided by the survey. For example, he points out that the CPS is designed to provide point-in-time estimates of labor force status in a particular month and that the longitudinal aspects are a by-product.

- Robert McIntire (BLS), in his discussions of the practical problems involved in producing matched files and subsequent suggestions for solving those problems, argues in general that more consideration should be given to the matched-data potential of CPS files.
- Wesley Mellow (BLS) tells of the advantages of CPS matched microdata for labor market studies and describes preliminary analytical work for dealing with the rotation group bias problem in such studies.
- Alan Eck (BLS) describes a methodology for using matched data to study occupational mobility. Safeguards to gauge the reliability of a matched-data file are brought out in the comments to this paper.
- Henry Woltman (Census Bureau) addresses the issue of the simple response variance of a month-to-month match of CPS data. Woltman asks, "Is the labor market really characterized by dynamic flows or is most of the apparent labor force movement due to measurement error?"

A summary of these discussions is provided and, in the concluding section, the editors offer some guidelines to users of CPS longitudinal data concerning the limitations of such data, checks on the quality of a matched data set, and techniques for compensating for the shortcomings of the data.

Copies of *Using the Current Population Survey as a Longitudinal Data Base,* BLS Report 608, may be obtained from the Office of Publications, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. 20212, or from any BLS regional office. (ROBERT W. BEDNARZIK, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, telephone (202) 523-1371)

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL FINANCES OF GOVERNMENTS

Environmental Quality Control-Governmental Finances: Fiscal Year 1977-78 is the ninth report published by the Census Bureau on the cost to government (Federal, State, and local) to control, prevent, and abate pollution. Detailed expenditure statistics are shown for the Federal Government, the 50 States, and the 62 largest counties and 46 largest cities (based on 1975 population estimates). Estimates of total local government expenditure for sewerage and other sanitation activities are presented by State and type of government and by county area in 47 major standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSA's).

The study reveals that Federal, State, and local governments spent approximately $11.9 billion (excluding intergovernmental transfers) during fiscal 1977-78 for environmental quality control. A distribution by activity shows that water quality control accounted for $8.0 billion, land quality control $3.0 billion, air quality control $0.5 billion, and *other* environmental quality control $0.4 billion.

Federal Government expenditure for these activities amounted to $5.2 billion including $4.0 billion in intergovernmental expenditure. This represents a 3.7 percent increase from the previous fiscal year, primarily as a result of increased expenditures for air quality control and the continued expansion of sewerage construction grant programs. State governments expended $1.3 billion including $0.4 billion in intergovernmental transfers, representing a slight increase of 1.4 percent from fiscal 1977. Local governments increased their expenditures by 9.5% to $9.9 billion (net of a small intergovernmental component), due mainly to increases for both water and land quality control activities.

Copies of the report *Environmental Quality Control-Government Finances: Fiscal Year 1977-78,* GSS No. 97, (GPO Stock No. 003-024-02567-1), are available for $2.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or at Commerce Department district offices. (ROSS SABERIN, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, telephone (301) 763-2858)

DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL SALES CORPORATION RETURNS, 1972-74

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued the *Supplemental Report, Statistics of Income—1972-74, International Income and Taxes—Domestic International Sales Corporation Returns.* This report presents comprehensive data on assets, receipts, deductions

and distributions, and augments the summary data previously published in the mandated annual Treasury reports to Congress on the effect of the Domestic International Sales Corporation (DISC) legislation. DISC's were established by the Revenue Act of 1971 in order to provide a system of tax deferral on profits derived from exports of U.S. goods and services. *Statistics of Income* reports for more current years are in preparation.

The major feature of the statistics is the classification of information by the major product or service that was exported or provided abroad. Data are also classified by industry, accounting period, intercompany pricing method, size of gross receipts and type of stockholder. For 1974, statistics are presented by geographic area and country to which the exports were destined.

This 192-page IRS report (Publication 1071) may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20405. (NORMAN ADLER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, telephone (202) 376-0177)

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: OCTOBER 1978

The Bureau of the Census has recently issued a report entitled, "Major Field of Study of College Students: October 1978." This report presents data on major fields of study for students enrolled in college in October 1978 by demographic characteristics such as age, race, sex, and marital status.

In recent years there have been large gains in the proportion of students majoring in occupational training fields, such as business, health, and biological sciences, while there have been declines in the proportions enrolled in education and the social sciences.

In 1978, women still dominated the fields of education, health, English, and liberal arts and humanities. It was not until the mid–1970's that the number of women majoring in education actually declined. Women apparently have begun to move out of the traditional fields of study and into potentially more lucrative male-dominated fields, such as business which was the largest major field of study among women in 1978. From 1966 to 1978, the number of women majoring in business quadrupled to 819,000—a rise from 9 to 17 percent of all female students.

College enrollment tripled for Blacks between 1966 and 1978. There was a large increase in the number of Black students enrolled in several fields, but no significant rise in the number enrolled in mathematics, physical sciences, or agriculture. A higher proportion of Black students was majoring in business than in any other field in 1978.

Of students 35 years old and over, about 40 percent were enrolled in graduate school compared with 17 percent of students under 35 years old. The largest group of men was majoring in business: one-fifth of graduates and one-third of undergraduates. For women, the largest group of undergraduates was in business (one-fifth) and about 15 percent each were in the health fields and liberal arts. Of female graduate students, one-third were in education.

Copies of the report, "Major Field of Study of College Students: October 1978," *Current Population Reports,* Series P-20, No. 351 (pp. 54, $3.50), GPO Catalog No. C3.186:P-20/351, are for sale from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or at Commerce Department district offices. (ROSALIND R. BRUNO, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, telephone (301) 763-5050)

REPORT ON EARNINGS OF THE DISABLED

The Social Security Administration has recently released a study of how rates of replacement of earnings by social security benefits for disabled persons changed between 1969 and 1975. The report, *Replacement of Earnings of the Disabled Under Social Security; Levels and Trends 1969-75,* presents information based entirely on actual benefit and earnings data for these years rather than on simulations of the replacement rate for a hypothetical worker. The rates were examined longitudinally to determine trends and cross-sectionally to determine differences in rates among individuals with different demographic, earnings, and beneficiary characteristics.

Replacement rates were found to have risen substantially between 1969 and 1975. Also, when age and sex were held constant, replacement rates

based on predisability earnings of the beneficiary population were considerably higher than those rates based on median earnings of the total working population. This is attributable to the fact that the predisability earnings of beneficiaries tend to be lower than the earnings of the nondisabled working population. This result tends to dispel the notion that the incentives are high for the marginally impaired individual to apply for social security benefits.

Single copies of *Replacement of Earnings of the Disabled Under Social Security: Levels and Trends 1969-75* (SSA Publication No. 13-11809, Research Report No. 53) are available from the Publications Staff, Office of Research and Statistics, Social Security Administration, Room 1120 Universal North Building, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, telephone (202) 673-5209. The report is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at $3.25 per copy. (ROBERT E. ROBINSON, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, telephone (202) 673-5576)

SIX NEW SOCIAL SECURITY BULLETIN REPORTS

The Office of Research and Statisitcs of the Social Security Administration recently issued the following *Social Security Bulletin* reports which are briefly described.

Social Welfare Expenditures, Fiscal Year 1978 (*Social Security Bulletin,* May 1980).—This article reports on social reports on social welfare expenditures under public programs. In fiscal year 1978, social welfare expenditures under public laws reached $394.5 billion, a 9.1 percent increase over the previous year. When adjusted for price and population changes, the total was only 2.5 percent higher in "real" terms. Per capita real expenditures rose by 1 percent in 1978, compared with an increase of 2 percent in 1977. For the second successive year, social welfare expenditures declined as a proportion of the gross national product (GNP), falling from 20.4 percent in 1976 to 19.7 percent in 1977 and to 19.3 percent in 1978. With private social welfare expenditures included, total social welfare expenditures in 1978 rose to $548.9 billion, a figure that represented 26.9 percent of the GNP.

Social Security Financing (Social Security Bulletin, May 1980).—This article presents detailed findings and recommendations by the 1979 Advisory Council on Social Security on the future of social security financing. The Council unanimously reports that all current and future beneficiaries can count on receiving the payments to which they are entitled. Among the recommendations it calls for are partial financing with nonpayroll-tax revenues. Suggested changes include hospital insurance (HI) financed through portions of personal and corporate income taxes and a part of the HI insurance payroll tax diverted to cash benefits with the balance of this tax repealed. The Council also recommends that the social security cash benefits program be brought into long-run actuarial balance—with a payroll-tax rate increase in the year 2005. It rejects the idea of a value-added tax as being inflationary.

Changing Commitments of American Women to Work and Family Roles (Social Security Bulletin, June 1980).—This article, based on a study of Chicago-area women aged 25–54, concentrates on six major dimensions of women's involvement in employment and family roles. First, it breaks new ground in exploring women's attitudes about social security and retirement expectations. Second, it documents cohort changes in overall life patterns, employment, and family role involvements from age 19 to the period studied. It also focuses on four aspects of those life patterns especially relevant to the social security program: changing levels and patterns of education and job training, factors related to employment rates, differences between full-time homemakers and employees, and a detailed examination of the women's occupations. The study shows that neither social security policies nor retirement plans are matters of everyday concern to the women.

Report of the Universal Social Security Coverage Study Group: Executive Summary (Social Security Bulletin, June 1980).—The Study Group was charged with the task of examining the "feasibility and desirability" of legislating mandatory coverage for noncovered workers. The group reviewed the coverage held by workers who would be affected, developed options for and alternatives to mandatory coverage, analyzed the effects of each option and alternative, and consulted with other Government agencies and with members of the public. To assess public attitudes, testimony was received from private citizens, public officials, and repre-

sentatives of interested organizations at public hearings held in seven locations. In the following executive summary, sections refer to chapters in the full report.

Changing the Taxable Maximum: Effect on Social Security Taxes by Industry and Firm Size (Social Security Bulletin, July 1980).—This study analyzes the relationship between increases in employer payroll-tax liability and both firm size and industry group. The authors conclude that there are substantial firm-size and industry effects on the increases in employer payroll-tax liability resulting from the 1977 amendments, with the largest firms experiencing, on the average, increases about three percentage points higher than those for the smaller firms. If the taxable maximum were changed (either doubled or removed) from the base established by the 1977 amendments, the industry effect would again be substantial, although there would be little or no firm-size effect.

SSI: Trends in State Supplementation, 1974-78 (Social Security Bulletin, July 1980).—This article summarizes and analyzes changes that occurred in State supplementation under SSI from 1974 through 1978. Although nationwide few variations took place in State supplementation during the period, individual States experienced significant changes—primarily in the number of recipients and expenditures. Some of these changes occurred because of implementation of Federal-State legislation resulting in program expansion and/or benefit alterations. A significant shift took place in the distribution of recipients by eligibility category: the disabled became the major category, replacing the aged. The caseload for the blind, however, remained relatively stable.

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UN STATISTICAL OFFICE PUBLICATIONS RECENTLY ISSUED

The following briefly describes recent publications issued by the Statistical Office of the United Nations. Copies of these documents may be purchased from the Sales Section, United Nations, New York, New York 10017. When ordering, please use the price and stock number included in the description. Government agencies should request the discount to which they are entitled, as it is not automatically given.

Compendium of Housing Statistics, 1975-1977. (Statistical Papers, Series N, No. 3, 354 pp., UN Sales No. E/F.80.XVII.4. $31.00 (only clothbound edition for sale).—This is the third issue of the Compendium and the only United Nations publication devoted entirely to housing and related data. The Compendium was prepared by the Statistical Office, with the assistance of the Population Division and in co-operation with the Centre for Human Settlements. The main purpose is to make available the information derived from national housing censuses or surveys on housing stock and characteristics. In order to provide for a better understanding of the housing situation, other related data are also included. Thus, tables are included on estimates and projections of population and households, dwelling construction, the cost of housing, capital formation in housing estimates of housing needs, land use and activities related to environmental pollution. It is hoped that the Compendium, in addition to being a source of national data, will furnish a preliminary view of world housing conditions. The Compendium includes information received during the period 1975-1977. In addition to data from the 1960 censuses, data from about 84 percent of the countries that took housing censuses around 1970 and from a small proportion of the countries that took censuses within the 1980 census decade (1975-1984) are presented.

Handbook of Statistical Organization; Volume I, A Study on the Organization of National Statistical Services and Related Management Issues. (Studies in Methods, Series F, No. 28., 77 pp., UN Sales No. E.79.XVII.17, $8.00).—The present Handbook supersedes the 1954 publication of the same name. Both the organization and content of volume I are to a great extent based on the publication entitled *The Organization of National Statistics Services: A Re-*

view of Major Issues (UN Sales No. E.77.XVII.5). Both publications were designed from the vantage point of the top management of a statistical agency, that is to say, the presentation is aimed at the highest level of the organizational structure of the agency and does not deal with issues specific to other levels. Most chapters of volume I describe the major functions involved in producing statistical information with a view to providing the background needed for assessing the units required for the effective performance of the functions and the most appropriate location of the units in circumstances that may vary in different countries. Most of volume I was prepared by Petter Jakob Bjerve, acting as consultant to the United Nations. The Handbook is divided into four parts, as follows: Part One, Organizational structures; Part Two, External capability; Part Three, Internal capability; Part Four, Priority setting, integration and co-ordination and planning. The annex gives references to the materials used in the preparation of the Handbook.

PERSONNEL NOTES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis: CHARLES A. WAITE was appointed Acting Associate Director for National Analysis and Projections. ANTHONY J. DILULLO was designated Assistant Chief, Balance of Payments Division.

Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards: JAMES B. BILLINGSLEY has recently joined the Domestic Information Display System (DIDS) Program Office, OFSPS, to manage the development and enhancement of DIDS and to manage operation of the DIDS host and remote terminal systems. Mr. Billingsley was formerly with NASA managing the DIDS hardware and software development for the original DIDS demonstration in 1978. He was also responsible for developing the current DIDS special purpose hardware used in the host and remote systems.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Center for Education Statistics: NANCY-JANE STUBBS is the new Associate Administrator for Statistical Services. Ms. Stubbs formerly served as Acting Associate Administrator and Deputy Director of the Division of Statistical Services.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics: CARL J. LOWE has been appointed as Deputy Associate Commissioner for Statistical Operations. THOMAS W. JOHNSON has been appointed as Assistant Commissioner for Systems and Standards.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

JOHN BOSCHEN, Ph.D. candidate from Brown University, has joined the Board's staff as an Economist in the Econometric and Computer Applications Section.

PETER CLARK, formerly Professor of Economics at Stanford, has joined the Board's staff as a Senior Economist in the National Income Section.

MICHAEL HADJIMICHALAKIS, Associate Professor, University of Washington (Seattle), will be at the Board for 1 year as an Economist in the Special Studies Section.

KARMA HADJIMICHALAKIS, Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer, will be at the Board for 1 year as an Economist in the Banking Section.

SUSAN KRAMER, formerly Assistant Professor at William and Mary, has joined the Board's staff as an Economist in the Financial Studies Section.

Retirements

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics: THEODORE J. GOLONKA, Assistant Commissioner, Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, has retired after 34 years of Government service. He was responsible for collecting, compiling, and analyzing data on occupational safety and health.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

RUTHANN R. THOMAS, Statistical Services Staff, Division of Administration, retired August 31, 1980, after 34 years of Federal service. She began her professional career as a statistician with the Department of Labor in 1963 and in 1966 transferred to NLRB as Chief, Office of Statistical Reports and Evaluation.

SCHEDULE OF RELEASE DATES FOR PRINCIPAL FEDERAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

November 1980

Release dates scheduled by agencies responsible for the principal economic indicators of the Federal Government are given below. *These are target dates* that will be met in the majority of cases. *Occasionally agencies may be able to release dates a day or so earlier or may be forced by unavoidable compilation problems to release a report one or more days later.* In certain cases,* timing variability in the receipt of raw data requires a range of dates rather than a specific release date.

A similar schedule will be shown here each month covering release dates for the following month. The indicators are identified by the title of the releases in which they are included; the source agency; and the release identification number where applicable. Release date information for additional series can be found in publications of the sponsoring agencies.

(Any inquiries about these series should be directed to the issuing agency).

Date		*Subject*	*Data for*
November	3	Construction Expenditures (Press release), Census, C-30	September
	4	Selected Interest Rates, Federal Reserve Board (FRB), G.13	October
	6	Merchandise Trade, Balance of Payments Basis, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)	3Q'80
	6	Manufacturers' Export Sales and Orders, Census, M4-A	September
	6	Monthly Wholesale Trade (Press release), Census, BW	September
	*6-7	Consumer Installment Credit, FRB, G.19	September
	7	The Employment Situation (Press release), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	October
	7	Producer Price Indexes (Press release), BLS	October
	7	Monthly Selected Services Receipts (Press release), Census	September
	7	Factors Affecting Bank Reserves and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks, FRB, H.4.1	Week Ending November 5
	7	Weekly Consolidated Condition Report of Large Commercial Banks and Domestic Subsidiaries, FRB, H.4.2	Week Ending October 29
	7	Money Stock Measures, FRB, H.6	Week Ending October 29
	10	Advance Monthly Retail Sales (Press release), Census (54)	October
	10	Sales, Inventories of Single-Family Homes, Census, C-25	September

Date		Subject	Data for
November	10	Crop Production, Agriculture	November 1
	12	Supply/Demand Estimates, Agriculture	Current Marketing Season
	12	Manufacturing and Trade: Inventories and Sales, Census	September
	14	Price Index of New Single-Family Homes, Census, C-27	3Q'80
	14	Factors Affecting Bank Reserves and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks, FRB, H.4.1	Week Ending November 12
	14	Weekly Consolidated Condition Report of Large Commercial Banks and Domestic Subsidiaries, FRB, H.4.2	Week Ending November 5
	14	Money Stock Measures, FRB, H.6	Week Ending November 5
	17	Flow of Funds Accounts, FRB, Z.1	3Q'80
	*14-18	Industrial Production, FRB, G.12.3	October
	18	Yields on FHA Insured New Home 30-year Mortgages, HUD	November 1
	18	Personal Income and Outlays, BEA	October
	*17-19	Capacity Utilization: Manufacturing and Materials, FRB, G.3	October
	19	Housing Starts (Press release), Census, C-20	October
	19	Gross National Product (Revised), BEA	3Q'80
	19	Corporate Profits (Preliminary), BEA	3Q'80
	20	Selected Data on International Transactions of the United States, BEA	3Q'80
	20	Federal Receipts and Expenditures, NIPA Basis, BEA	3Q'80
	21	Factors Affecting Bank Reserves and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks, FRB, H.4.1	Week Ending November 19
	21	Weekly Consolidated Condition Report of Large Commercial Banks and Domestic Subsidiaries, FRB, H.4.2	Week Ending November 12
	21	Money Stock Measures, FRB, H.6	Week Ending November 12
	25	Consumer Price Index (Press release), BLS	October
	25	Real Earnings (Press release), BLS	October
	25	Advance Report on Durable Goods, Manufacturers' Shipments and Orders (Press release), Census, M3-1	October
	*24-26	Savings and Loan Association Activity (Press release), Federal Home Loan Bank Board	October
	26	Treasury Statement (the monthly "budget"), Treasury	October
	26	Productivity and Costs in Nonfinancial Corporate Sector, BLS	3Q'80
	28	Work Stoppages (Press release), BLS	October

Date		*Subject*	*Data for*
November	28	Labor Turnover in Manufacturing (Press release), BLS	October
	28	Export and Import Merchandise Trade, Census, FT-900	October
	28	Agricultural Prices, Agriculture	Mid-November
	28	Factors Affecting Bank Reserves and Condition Statement of Federal Reserve Banks, FRB, H.4.1	Week Ending November 26
	28	Weekly Consolidated Condition Report of Large Commercial Banks and Domestic Subsidiaries, FRB, H.4.2	Week Ending November 19
	28	Money Stock Measures, FRB, H.6	Week Ending November 19
	28	Employment Cost Index (Press release, BLS	3Q'80

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